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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 5, 2000, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2 and 5-7. Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A prosthesis comprising a substrate and a polypeptide growth factor associated with the substrate by [chemical binding] covalent bonding using crosslinking agents, or noncovalent bonding characteristic of antibody-antigen, specific binding protein-receptor and enzyme-substrate associations, the polypeptide growth factor being effective to stimulate association of viable cells with the substrate.

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